16. There is need for an independent organisation outside the programme for continuous monitoring and establishing epidemiological indices. It is recommended that the existing SSAUs may be increased and new SSAUs provided where necessary, to discharge these functions. Appointment of full time NLEP consultants also fortified this function.

Navodaya Vidyalayas in Andhra Pradesh

540. SHRI PRABHAKAR RAO KALVALA:

SHRI TALARI MANOHAR:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of Navodaya Vidyalayas already started and proposed to be set up in Andhra Pradesh during current financial year and in 1988-89 and the amount allocated for that purpose;

(b) whether there is any proposal to set up any Navodaya Vidyalayas in Tribal areas and Backward districts of Andhra Pradesh; and

(c) if so, the details of the proposal and the places selected to set up those Navodaya Vidyalayas in Andhra Pradesh and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) Four Navodaya Vidyalayas have been sanctioned from 1986-87 and all these have started functioning. Twelve Navodaya Vidyalayas are sanctioned for 1987-88. Out of the target of seven Navodaya Vidyalayas to be established in 1988-89, three have been sanctioned so far. No State-wise allocation of funds is made for Navodaya Vidyalayas.

(b) and (c) The Navodaya Vidyalaya Scheme envisages establishment of, on an average, one Navodaya Vidyalaya in each district of the country during the Seventh Five Year Plan which includes Tribal and backward districts also.

Incentives to attract tourists

541. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY:

SHRI K. VASUDEVA PANICKER:

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to relax rules relating to Tourism to offer incentives to attract more tourists to India;

(b) if so, what are the attractive incentives to be offered by the Government of India to attract more foreign tourists to our country; and

(c) whether it is a fact that in the year 1987 there was huge rush from foreign countries to the tourist spots in India and if so, what was the total amount of foreign Exchange earned by Government of India in the last year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) and (b) In view of the comprehensive benefits from international tourism, Government have been taking measures to promote tourism to India. For this purpose Government have streamlined frontier formalities, relaxed entry regulations and undertaken a massive publicity campaign in important visitor source markets. Air India have added to their capacity and are offering excursion fares on a number of more popular tourist routes. In addition charters are being encouraged to operate to Delhi, Bombay, Calcutta, Madras, Goa, Trivandrum and Bangalore. This year some additional flights were operated to Srinagar. After the expansion of Bhubaneswar airstrip, charters would be permitted to land at Bhubaneswar also. Similarly capacity within the country by air, land surface has been augmented. Facilities at international airports have been improved. For tourist centres which do not have airshtrip even for small aircraft convenient connections by helicopters have been introduced. Government have also initiated steps to improve the quality of